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## CALL TO STATE CONVENTION

All members of the North Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union are called to assemble for the Annual convention in session on October 4 and 5, 1984, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church lounge in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Among the business before the State Convention will be Department and District Reports, National Convention Reports (Arkansas), election of President and Promotion Secretary and other necessary inspirational and informative functions promoting the work to which we have given our commitment.

We pray that our loving God will lead, direct, and bless all members and friends in prayer for and support of this Convention. We need this mountain-top time to prepare ourselves for the everyday world we return to work in. Please make every effort to join us.

Mrs. Joe Holt, President  
Mrs. LeRoy Bartle, Vice President

## CONVENTION SPEAKER

Jack Miller, Chief Deputy of the Stutsman County Sheriff's Dept. has been with this department for ten years. He began the Drug Awareness & Identification Program in 1976.

Jack has presented programs in high schools, grade schools, PTO, PTA and to special interest groups for the past nine years.

Jack believes education is the key to a successful turn around in the drug abuse problem in the U.S.



Mr. Miller will participate in our meeting at the banquet Thursday evening, October 4 at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

## CONVENTION DATA

### LILLIAN'S LEAF

Some of you are planning to arrive for convention in Jamestown will be pleased to know that a light breakfast will be waiting for you at St. Paul's Methodist dining room on both Thursday morning as well as Friday morning for the price of a free will offering.

At noon Thursday, a salad luncheon will be served by the Jamestown Union for a small charge. Friday's noon luncheon will be served at the Church by the UMW at a cost of \$3.50. The banquet on Thursday night will feature swiss steak and will be served for \$4.50 a plate.

As for lodging, rooms are being reserved at Jamestown Motel. Room costs will vary depending upon how many occupy the room. Quoted prices range from \$30 to \$36. Contact your members and plan to share a room. Lillian Kraft informed your editor that a few rooms in private homes are being made available to married couples planning to attend. Just remember- there is room for each and every one of you.

Please fill in this reservation form and send to Mrs. Ralph Kraft, Box 63, Jamestown, North Dakota 58401.

## ROOM RESERVATION FORM

Check night(s):  
Wednesday, October 3.....  
Thursday, October 4.....

Name and Address- Only one form for each room.  
Union.....

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CLIP AND SEND TO:

Mrs. Ralph Kraft  
Box 63  
Jamestown, N.D. 58401

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM****Thursday, October 4**

Registration.....9:00 a.m. to noon  
 General Officers.....9:30 a.m.  
 Official Board and Executive (Combined)  
 .....To Follow

Noon luncheon in church dining room  
 Prayer and Praise Service.....1:00 p.m.  
 Convention Call To Order.....1:30 p.m.  
 Banquet.....6:00 p.m.  
 (Remember, this is only tentative at this writing,  
 so if you don't want to be late for the banquet, plan  
 ahead and be there early enough to allow for a  
 slightly earlier feast.)

**Friday, October 5**

Call To Order.....9:00 a.m.  
 Business Session - Election  
 Noon luncheon  
 Business session may be concluded after noon  
 break  
 Adjournment

**MONA'S MESSAGE**

But the end of all things is at hand; be ye,  
 therefore, sober-minded, and watch unto prayer (1  
 Peter 4:7).

We ordinarily think of the word "sober" to mean  
 temperate in contrast to drunkenness. This may be  
 indicated in the context. However, "sober-minded"  
 does not mean melancholy, dour, or long-faced.  
 Rather it is alert and self restraint. It is discipline  
 which produces temperance in the use of ALL of  
 life's possession's. The godly Samuel Rutherford of  
 Scotland said:

I find this world, now that I have looked upon it at  
 both sides, is but the fool's idol. O Lord, let it not be  
 the nest that my soul buildith in. This world, in its  
 gain and glory, is but the great and notable  
 deceiver, by which the sons of men have been  
 beguiled these millenniums. Build your nest upon  
 no tree in the enemy's country; for God hath sold  
 the forest to Death; and every tree upon which we  
 would rest is ready to be cut down, to the end we  
 may flee and mount up and build our hopes on high,  
 where death and judgement cannot come! Let us,  
 who are the Lord's, pull up the stakes of our tent,  
 and be moving toward our true home, for here we  
 have no continuing city!

Again we go back to The Word and find: "But let  
 us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the  
 breastplate of faith and love, and, for a helmet, the  
 hope of salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8).

God be with you,

*Mona Holt*

Marion Bartle informs us that Mona and her  
 family would very much like us to pray earnestly

for them. The deceiver works for he is the ruler of  
 the darkness of this world. Pray without ceasing,  
 we all need it and should be doing it.

**RANSOM-LaMOURE DISTRICT**

The Ransom LaMoure District Convention of the  
 WCTU held their spring convention at the Dickey  
 United Methodist Church at Dickey on April 13,  
 1984. The meeting was called to order by President  
 Jeannette Waldie.

The morning devotional was presented by host  
 Pastor Irvin Hultin. Speaking on I Corinthians 6:19,  
 he reminded us that God has His holy temple within  
 us. He then asked about the characteristics of our  
 individual temples; do we try to keep them repair  
 ourselves or do we ask God for continual renewal.

The welcome was given by Helen McCleary and  
 responded to by Lucille Nash. A playlet, "Moun-  
 tains, Here We Come," was given by Margaret  
 Gackle and Jeannette Waldie. Ann Hanson led the  
 flag salutes. Throughout the business session other  
 playlets, were enacted: "Why Won't They Listen"  
 with Margaret Gackle and Marion Bartle and "The  
 Bottom Line" with Helen McCleary and Jeannette  
 Waldie.

The filmstrips, "Light-Up Lucifer" and "The  
 Four Secrets of The Wicked Ooze", were shown by  
 Rev. Hultin. He also gave the Noontide Prayer.

Committees met after the luncheon served by the  
 members of the Dickey Union.

The afternoon session reconvened with singing.  
 Gelia Stemen delivered the afternoon devotion and  
 meditation. Margaret Gackle and Jeannette Waldie  
 gave their rendition of "My God and I."

Luther Edmunds, LaMoure County deputy sher-  
 iff, was our guest speaker. He outlined the alcohol  
 and drug enforcement problem of our area, and  
 how it affects the family. He added that teen-age  
 drinking is on the rise.

A legislative playlet, "Wash Day Blues", was  
 given. Helen McCleary and Melissa Dick gave the  
 Budget Report, Mrs. Maack and Mrs. Wiltse gave  
 the Resolutions Report, Ann Hanson and Gelia  
 Stemen gave the Audit Report. Marion Bartle  
 presented the present officers for a renominating  
 ballot: Jeannette Waldie, President; Melissa Dick,  
 Vice President; Gelia Stemen, Secretary; and Bev  
 Maack, Treasurer. The secretary cast a unanimous  
 ballot.

A playlet "Say, Listen To This" was enacted.  
 Marion Bartle gave basic information about State  
 Convention in Jamestown in October. The secre-  
 tary was given names of members to whom  
 greetings were requested to be sent.

The Memorial Hour, led by Melissa Dick,  
 honored Valley Belle Peterson, a member of  
 Dickey Union. Margaret and Jeannette sang  
 "Precious Memories."

After reading an article entitled "Hang In  
 There", President Waldie asked Ann Hanson to  
 dismiss the meeting with prayer. The Dickey Union  
 served a fruesta.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**National Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
August 21-27, 1984**

We, the members of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, meeting in the Excelsior Hotel, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 23-27, 1984, acknowledge with gratitude the Divine Guidance through another year. God has blessed us in innumerable ways as we have carried on the work that He has given us to do.

We are grateful for increasing signs of growing interest of groups in regards to drinking drivers and of the effects of the use of beverage alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, particularly the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association. We appreciate the work of the Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and the Students Against Drunk Drivers but we regret that they do not take a stand for total abstinence.

The battle against the forces of evil is still on and we will continue to fight until the victory is won.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

**SCHOOLS-** Because narcotic education is one of our chief concerns we call upon school officers and teachers to make this information available to all children and young people through the use of printed material and visual aids. We urge school authorities to safeguard the children and youth of the nation against the teaching of moderation as related to the use of beverage alcohol.

**CHURCHES-** Since the Church has been our strongest ally across the years we urge the re-vitalization of the educational program concerning the use of drugs, especially beverage alcohol, and to let its voice be heard in all of the moral issues of the day and this would include all church members setting the example of total abstinence.

**PEACE-** Being aware of the unrest within and between nations we appeal to Christians everywhere to seek and to pray for peaceful solutions of international differences. We call upon our national leaders to recognize that discussions and settlements of national and international problems are hampered by the use of alcoholic beverages which dull reason and remove caution in the making of decisions which involve our national well-being and security. We urge the cessation of the appropriations by our government for alcoholic beverages for use in diplomatic circles.

**DEGRADING PUBLICATIONS-** Deploring the fact that many publications continue to depict crime, explicit sex and other sordid aspects of life we urge cooperation with groups attempting to create public sentiment as well as official censorship of indecent and harmful literature. We implore parents to assume more careful guardianship of their children's reading and realize their responsibility in the promotion of wholesome reading matter.

**GAMBLING-** As gambling is on the increase we declare our opposition to lotteries, pari-mutual betting on horses and dogs, slot machines and all other forms of gambling and call upon state legislatures to declare all forms of gambling illegal. We protest the growing trend of governments to legalize gambling and to depend on gambling taxes to maintain government programs.

**ECONOMY-** Since an important concern is the future of the economy we endorse a bill which grants the President of the United States the power to veto individual items in appropriations bills without having to veto the entire bill. This is a powerful tool against wasteful and extravagant spending and we urge Congress to pass such a bill.

**LEGISLATION-** Throughout the years, as individual members, we have sought to secure the passage of good legislation and to prevent the passage of harmful legislation by our presence at public hearings, personal contacts, and letter writing and now we express our concern about the following legislation and urge continuing support of the same:

A bill to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to require regulations prohibiting serving alcoholic beverages to passengers on airlines without charge.

A bill which would require health warning labels on all liquor containers.

A bill which would make alcoholic advertising expense non-deductible in computing net income for tax purposes.

**RADIO AND TELEVISION-** Since alcoholism is America's No. 1 problem contributing to more than 100,000 deaths and tremendous economic costs each year, we urge the President of the United States and members of Congress to ban all advertising of alcoholic beverages on radio and TV or to require broadcasters to give equal time to health messages about alcohol.

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION-** Since the World Health Organization has written a report on "Alcoholic Beverage, Dimensions of Corporate Power," we respectfully request that this report be published in its entirety since it shows the effect upon developing countries by the liquor trade. We believe this should be a matter of urgent consideration as the public has a right to this information.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Resolution Committee:

Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, Chairman  
Mrs. Kermit Edgar  
Miss Juanita Whisler  
Mrs. Margaret Gee  
Mrs. James Hatfield  
Mrs. Ella Peck  
Mrs. Janet Minschwaneer  
Mrs. Melvin Christ  
Miss Elizabeth Williams  
Mrs. Dorothy Hilyard

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**HIGHLIGHTS****110th Annual Convention**

National Woman's Christian Temperance Union  
 Excelsior Hotel Little Rock, Arkansas  
 Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday,  
 August 21, 22, 23, 1984

The Official Board, Executive Committee, and Department Directors met in pre-convention planning sessions Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday morning in programming discussions, planning future goals and discussing other national union business.

Following the traditional Praise and Worship on early Thursday afternoon, the convention was called to order at 2:30 p.m. Following the roll call of states, convention program approval, and the introduction of National Officers, Department Directors and Convention Hostesses, addresses were given by Miss Cara A. Tschanz, Manager of Signal Press, Miss Evelyn M. Marden, Manager of Circulation Department and Mr. Michael C. Vitucci, Editor of Publications.

The panel, "Challenges To Youth", was presented with addresses by Mrs. Rita K. Wert, National YTC Executive Director and Miss Francis L. Bateman, National LTL Executive Director (addresses to be published in the October Union Signal).

A beautiful Memorial Service, led by Mrs. Clyde Roland of Virginia closed the afternoon session.

Thursday evening, known historically as President's Night, opened with great pageantry as the state presidents, in their lovely white formals, marched in carrying their colorful state flags aloft. Greetings came by the way of a representative of Arkansas Governor Clinton, Mayor J.W. Benefield of Little Rock, Mr. Walter E. Simpson, Chief of Police, Little Rock, a representative of the Excelsior Hotel and a welcome from the President

of the Arkansas WCTU, Miss Glendolyn Ticknor.

Mrs. Kermit S. Edgar, National WCTU Present, then presented her annual address entitled "Dry Straws in the Wind" (to be published in the September issue of the Union Signal).

Following the president's address, for which she was given a standing ovation, a beautiful reception, hosted by the Arkansas WCTU, closed the evening session.

**FRIDAY**

August 24

Miss Juanita M. Whisler, National Promotion Secretary, presented her annual report and her Department Awards during the Friday morning's session following Mrs. Edgar's President's Recommendations for the new year.

The audience anxiously awaited the presentation of the new membership contest by Miss Whisler. The contest presentation was met with great enthusiasm as the delegates looked forward to beginning this great challenge.

The panel, "Challenge of Learning", was presented with addresses by Mrs. Clarence Darkes, National Director of Education; Miss Merry Lee Christy, National Director of Home Protection; and Mrs. Cleo G. Parish, National Director of Projections Methods (to be published in the October Union Signal).

A speech defining Public Relations, given by Mr. Michael C. Vitucci, closed the Friday morning session.

Friday afternoon's session was highlighted by the annual address of the National WCTU Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret A. Gee and the panel, "The Challenge to Serve" which consisted of the annual speeches of Mrs. Harlan Shadow, National Christian Outreach Director; Mrs. Philip Zook, National Director of Publications; Mrs. Clifford Rust, National Director of Social Service (to be published

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**JUNE 5, 1984 to AUGUST 5, 1984**

**DUES:**

Members-at-large- 2.  
 Honorary Men- 1.  
 L.T.L.- 10.  
 Y.T.C.- 33.  
 State Reports- W. Lisbon \$6.00 (2)  
 Light Line- Crosby, Marion, Prosper.  
 District Pledges- Bismarck D. \$25.00.  
 Y.T.C. Camp- Bismarck D. \$20.00, Crosby \$30.00.  
 N.D.E.A. - Fargo \$10.00.  
 World Friendship- Y.T.C. Camp \$39.00.  
 Memorials- \$5.00 in memory of Howard Durham  
 by Mrs. Lyle Trapp.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Mrs. Oscar Johnson (Treas.)

Total Membership From September 1, 1983 to  
 August 5, 1984- Women 308, Men 89.

**Dear Friends, Co-Workers & Directors,**

School has started, Churches and organizations have begun specific programs. Which ever group we are involved with we are doing publicity because we relate with those we come in contact with each day. Does God's Presence shine through us in each of these contacts?

Here are some areas where we can always improve:

**1- In our Friendliness**

Be our own selves. Listen intently with a friendly ear. Act and speak courteously giving praise where due. Show enthusiasm with your whole being and top it off with a smile.

**2- In our Attitude**

For yourself- always do your best. Be willing to change, to grow. For others- always be open minded, willing to learn and to accept differences in others. Remember, more is accomplished as we work as a team.

**3- In our Communications**

Always be prompt. Go through the right channels completing your responsibilities on time. Be considerate, how long you talk, and in not interrupting others when they talk.

Let enthusiasm be your way of life- adding patience- understanding- kindness- cheerfulness- letting love show in all you say and do.

Then- as read in our Bible, "In all ways acknowledge Him and and He shall direct thy path."

The world in which we travel will be a better place to live when we strive at making ourselves a better person.

**HAVE A GOOD YEAR!!**

In God's Service,  
 Marie Siivola, Director  
 National Public Relations

**NOONTIDE HOUR OF PRAYER**

"It is always noontime somewhere, and across  
 The awakening continents from shore to shore  
 Somewhere our prayers are arising evermore."  
 "Lift up a standard for the people." Isaiah 62:10

**HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED**

in the October Union Signal).

Department Conferences concluded the afternoon's activities.

Friday evening was devoted to reports by the state presidents on their state's past year's accomplishments.

Saturday morning began with early morning prayer time. The convention session opened with Mrs. Edna Hatfield, National WC U Recording Secretary, reading the minutes of the preceding days, followed by a panel entitled, "Challenge of Perseverance" which consisted of the annual addresses of Mrs. Ralph Siivola, National Director of Public Relations and Mrs. Ella Peck, National Director of Legislation and Citizenship (to be published in the October Union Signal).

The main address of the morning session was given by Mrs. Janet Gill Minschwaner, Washington Correspondent (to be published in the October Union Signal).

Dr. Diane Reed, National WCTU Representative at the U.S. Mission to the U.N. and World WCTU representative to the Non-Governmental Organizations of the U.N., presented her report.

The traditional White Ribbon Recruit Service, presided over by Miss Merry Lee Christy, National Director of Home Protection, and Miss Minnie Scott, Arkansas State Director opened the afternoon session. Three infants, Damien McCoy, 21 months; Jonathan McCoy, 4; and Tomeika Graham, 4; were all dedicated to a life of total abstinence and tied with the White Ribbon. The infants mothers brought the children to the podium for the dedication.

Miss Frances L. Bateman and Arkansas LTL Executive Director, Miss Minnie Scott, introduced the LTL demonstration entitled "LTL on Parade". The LTL'ers did themselves proud. Their diligent rehearsing was obvious as they performed a well-executed performance. The children were from the Arkansas Loyal Temperance Legions.

Special Memberships were taken by Mrs. Margaret Gee.

Department Conferences rounded out the afternoon, including a seminar for Promotion Secretaries led by Miss Juanita M. Whisler.

The traditional Men's Breakfast was held Saturday morning this year, and the Barrymore Bits presented their usual dignified acting talents.

As usual, the Saturday evening program was devoted to the Youth Temperance Council, who presented a most inspirational program entitled "Building Youself for Tomorrow."

The YTC'ers held their own convention during

the day and elected new officers and directors. The following is a list of those who were installed.

President-William Wilson, California South; Vice President- To be Elected; Promotion Secretary-Skip Johansen, Maryland; Recording Secretary-Ann Brown, Maine; Treasurer- Lora Deem, West Virginia; Christian Living- Mary Helen Blue, New Jersey; Education- Jim Cross, Illinois; Public Relations- Chris Knowlton, West Virginia; Social Service- Debbie Doran, Minnesota.

The YTC officers and directors for 1984-85 were installed by Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, National WCTU Vice President in an impressive ceremony. Following the youth program, the YTC'ers had their own party, which included skits, music, games and refreshments. The National Officers attended the party for a portion to bring greetings.

Sunday  
August 26

Sunday morning's session opened with a Grand Diamond Matron's Speech Contest of Scripture oratory which included Mrs. Sara Boyd Jedlicka of Kansas; Mrs. Martha Skelley, Indiana and Mrs. Susan Shull of California, South, Mrs. Cleo G. Parrish, National Director of Projection Methods, presided. The winner was Mrs. Jedlicka of Kansas.

The Worship Service began with a prayer by Rev. Doctor Kermit S. Edgar of Evanston, Ill.; Scripture reading by Rev. Walter J. Zabel of College Park, Maryland; and a fine, thought provoking sermon based on Temperance by Rev. Robert A. Parker, Executive Director, Christian Life Council Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Mrs. Margaret Gee, National WCTU Treasurer, led the Offering Prayer.

The Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest was Sunday afternoon's main Attraction. Contestants included: Mark Perlow (U. of California at Berkeley) representing California North; Marguerite Merrill (U.C.L.A.) representing California South; Katherine Peterson (Millersville University) representing Pennsylvania; and Rachel Johnston (Wichita State University) representing Kansas.

Mr. Perlow won first place (\$250) Miss Peterson won second place (\$200); and Miss Merrill won third place (\$150). Miss Johnston received Honorable Mention and a cash prize of \$25.

Sunday evening's program, designated World Night in honor of the World WCTU, was presided over by Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, former World WCTU President.

The program opened with a prayer by Miss Frances L. Bateman, after which, Mrs. Jarrett introduced the World WCTU Officers and Superintendents present. All World Life and Continuing Members were asked to stand.

Mrs. Herman Stanley, World WCTU Third Vice President and former World Treasurer, spoke on the importance of helping to finance the World Work, and asked for World Life, continuing and memorial memberships.

Mrs. Harlan Shadow, National Director of Christian Outreach, conducted an inspiring Light Line Service which closed the evening.

Monday  
August 27

The morning session included the election of the National President, Vice President and Treasurer for 2-year terms.

The screening of a recent documentary on Frances E. Willard drew much interest.

Mrs. Jeston Christy, President of the West Virginia WCTU installed the officers. A new national director was appointed for the department of Social Service.

The invitation was expressed for the 1985 National WCTU Convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with invitations for 1986 and 1987 following respectively.

An elegant closing banquet was held Monday evening at which the Rev. Samuel E. Boyle D.D. of Shawnee, Kansas, was the speaker.

Tributes to retiring National Vice President Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett and retiring National Treasurer Mrs. Margaret A. Gee were delivered. Mrs. Jarrett performed the usual courtesies.

This brought the 1984 National WCTU Convention to a close with unfinished business referred to the Official Board.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Gladys (Mrs. E.O.) Lerberg, 89, died July 17 in Minot. She was born April 1, 1895 near Minto to John and Luella Hannawalt. She was reared there and attended the University of North Dakota. She then moved to Makoti where she taught school and worked in a bank.

Gladys married Emil O. Lerberg in Makoti in 1921. They made their home in Makoti for several years and then moved to Plaza for three years. When they moved to Parshall in 1931, they originated the Peoples Bank and Trust. Mr. Lerberg died in 1979.

Gladys was a very active member of the Parshall Union. Her prime interest was working with the LTL and young people of the area. When the Parshall Union disbanded, she became a loyal Member-At-Large.

One son, Gary, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren survive.

*Enjoy God's*

*Changing*

*Seasons!*

